Statement

Details of variety released during last three years for Himachal Pradesh vis-a-vis the yield rate

S.No.	Name of Crop	Name of varieties	Estimated Yield (quintal/ hectare)
1.	Fieldpea	HUDP 15	20-23
2.	Soyabean	Hara Soya (Himso 1563)	15-20
3.	Mustard	RCC-4	10
4.	Brown Sarson	KBS-3	10-12
5.	Gobhi Sarson	Neelam	15-20
6.	Linseed	Sheela (LCK 9211)	12-13
7.	Wheat	VL 738, VL 840 HS 365, Sapthara, Surahi	35-40 25-35 30-35 25-30 20-25
8.	Rice	Vivek Dhan 62, Vivek Dhan 82, VL Dhan 81	40-50 40-50 40-50
9.	Potato	Kufari Griraj	270-300

Improving farmers' conditions in Bihar

†2769. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether crops, flora and fauna, animals and birds, including fish, get destroyed every year in Bihar due to rain-failures and excessive rains;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the total value of financial losses suffered on this account during the last three years;

(c) whether financial position of farmers in Bihar has deteriorated due to the said destruction every year; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken so far by Government to improve financial position of the farmers of Bihar and also for compensating them financially every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Whenever severe flooding or cyclones occur loss of human, plant and animal life is to some extent inevitable and Bihar is no exception to this phenomenon. Loss of human and animal life due to failure of rains is, however, a thing of the past. Arrangements exist to provide relief to victims of natural calamities as per awards of the Finance Commissions. Compensation to farmers is also admissible under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme.

Handing over the Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. to workers' Unions

2770. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to hand-over Hyderabad Unit of Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited to the workers' unions;

(b) whether there is scope for private sector participation in the revival package;

(c) whether the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) is being extended to the employees of the unit; and

(d) if so, by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The unit at Hyderabad is only one of the units of Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL). IDPL is a sick company under reference to the Board for Industrial and